

**United States District Court**  
**DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JOEL VEGA

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**CASE NUMBER: *05M-1065-JGD*

(Name and Address of Defendant)

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about **July 29, 2004** in **ESSEX** county, in the District of **MASSACHUSETTS** defendant ~~did~~ **(Track Statutory Language of Offense)**

FLEE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND TRAVEL IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE TO AVOID PROSECUTION FOR THE CRIME OF FILING FALSE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE CLAIMS, A FELONY UNDER THE LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

in violation of Title **18** United States Code, Section(s) **1073**

I further state that I am a(n) **DEPUTY U. S. MARSHALL** and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof:

Yes  No

  
 Stephen M. McKearney  
 Deputy U. S. Marshall

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

03-08-2005  
 Date

at

BOSTON, MA  
 City and State

JUDITH G. DEIN  
 U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
 Name & Title of Judicial Officer

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 Judith Gail Dein  
 Signature of Judicial Officer

AFFIDAVIT OF STEPHEN M. MCKEARNEY

I, Stephen M. McKearney being duly sworn, do depose and say:

1. I am a Deputy United States Marshal with the United States Marshals Service ("USMS") of the Department of Justice, and have been so employed for approximately 10½ years. I am currently assigned as a Task Force Officer for the New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Fugitive Task Force. I have been assigned to the New England HIDTA Fugitive Task Force for the past 2 years. I have been assigned to the Investigations Unit for the past 3 years. I have attended criminal investigator training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA. I also attended the U.S. Marshals Service Basic Academy and the U.S. Marshals Service Advanced School. I have received on-going training on different areas of fugitive investigations, and during the course of my career, I have been personally involved in hundreds of fugitive investigations.

2. I submit this Affidavit in support of the issuance of a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for an individual identified as Joel VEGA (hereinafter referred to as "VEGA") for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1073.

3. VEGA is described as a Hispanic male. His date of birth is March 14, 1978. He is believed to use Social Security number 581-61-7891. He is approximately five feet, eight inches

tall and weighs approximately 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes.

4. This Affidavit is based upon information about which I have personal knowledge, documentary evidence that I have reviewed, and my conversations with other law enforcement officers and agents. This Affidavit does not contain every detail of this investigation. Rather, it contains those facts that I believe are necessary and sufficient to establish probable cause for the issuance of the requested arrest warrant.

5. On July 29, 2004, VEGA was charged in Lawrence District Court, in Lawrence, Massachusetts with 8 counts of False Motor Vehicle Insurance Claim, a felony under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 266, Section 111B. An arrest warrant for VEGA was issued on that date and was entered in the Massachusetts Warrant Management System. A copy of this warrant is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

6. The Lawrence Massachusetts Police Department's Insurance Fraud Task Force and the Essex County District Attorney's Office have requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service in the location and apprehension of VEGA.

7. Based on an investigation conducted by the Lawrence, Massachusetts Police Department's Insurance Fraud Task Force, it is believed that during the year of 2003, VEGA acted as a "runner" and played a major role in an insurance fraud ring in

the city of Lawrence, Massachusetts. This ring caused the death of a co-conspirator on September 1, 2003, and as a result, the Lawrence Police Department formed an Insurance Fraud Task Force. The Insurance Fraud Task Force has netted over 100 arrests to date. As a runner, VEGA was paid cash by several attorneys and chiropractors for bringing in clients with phony insurance claims. These same professionals may be paying money to VEGA to keep him in hiding as VEGA would help put them in jail if caught.

8. Members of law enforcement have attempted to locate VEGA. Efforts to locate and arrest VEGA in Massachusetts have been unsuccessful. Following a diligent investigation by local, state, and federal authorities, I do not believe that VEGA is residing in Massachusetts at this time.

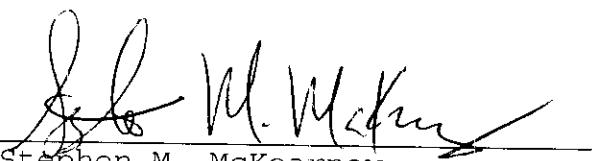
9. Based on information obtained from the interviews of VEGA's girlfriend, Anastacia Padilla, it is believed that VEGA is in the New York, New Jersey area with family. It is believed that VEGA has fled from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to avoid prosecution on the charges pending against him in Lawrence District Court.

10. The District Attorney of Essex County has informed me that the office will rendite VEGA if he is apprehended in the United States. A letter from the District Attorney's Office, Essex County, so stating is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

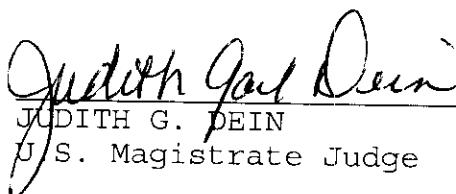
11. Based upon all of the foregoing facts, as well as my

training and experience, there is probable cause to believe that Joel VEGA has fled from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that VEGA may presently be located in the state of New York, and that VEGA's flight from Massachusetts was to avoid prosecution, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1073.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this day of February 2005.

  
Stephen M. McKearney  
Deputy U.S. Marshal  
United States Marshals Service

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 8th day of  
March ~~February~~ 2005.

  
JUDITH G. DEIN  
U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed on 07/09/2018 at 10:42 AM by [REDACTED] in the State of [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Office Criminal Justice Information System. This is a copy of a warrant of arrest issued by [REDACTED] - Warrant Management System. Pursuant to [REDACTED] General Law chapter [REDACTED] this is a [REDACTED] warrant on the person named herein as contained in the warrant management system and printed via Criminal Justice Information System. This Warrant Printed as of 06/12/2018.

## Der Fernsehberichterstattung

Name: WILSON, JULIA  
Address: 6 BELMONT STREET  
City: LONDON, ONTARIO  
Date of Birth: 03/14/1978  
Place of Birth: ON  
Mother: KATHARINE  
Father: ERIC  
SSN: 581617891  
Race: U Sex: M  
Hair: BLK Eyes: XOX  
Weight: Height: 0' 0" Complexion: Marks:  
Date of Emancipation: 06/06/1993

License No: 049643359  
License State: PA      Distr. No: 2  
Place No: 049643359

### Warrant Information

Issue Date: 07/29/2004 Court of Issues: 10 - LAWRENCE DISTRICT  
Case #: 04-1450-CM

Date of Complaint: 07/29/2004      Offense Date: 06/16/2003      Offense Location: LOMA LAKES

Count	Offense Code	Description
1	F 266/111B	INSURANCE CLAIM, FALSE MOTOR VEH c266 \$111B
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1	F 266/111B	INSURANCE CLAIM, FALSE MOTOR VEH c266 \$111B
1	F 274/7	CONSPIRACY c274 §7
1	PF 274/7	CONSPIRACY c274 §7
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1	PF 274/7	CONSPIRACY c274 §7
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### Court Information

Assigned for Service To: LNU - Lawrence PD

Warrant: premises only 341 - P.D. 111-11532 - Dec 10 1971 - GAT 106

Officer Blayre

СЕВЕРОДВИСК ОСЕНЬ 1992 ГОДА

RECALL: Dates/Time: 08/08/2009 00:00

30-46-0 Return of Service on Page 22-46-00

EXHIBIT A

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Criminal Justice Information System

Trial Court of Massachusetts - Warrant Management System

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws ch.276 s.23A this is a TRUE WARRANT on the person named herein as contained in the Warrant Management System and printed via Criminal Justice Information System.

TO ANY OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SERVE CRIMINAL PROCESS:

The court has ordered that the above warrant issue against the above defendant.

Therefore you are hereby commanded to arrest the above named defendant and bring the defendant forthwith before this court to answer to the offense(s) listed above and to be dealt with according to law.

Return of Service: By virtue of this warrant, I certify that:

The defendant has been arrested as ordered by the court.  
I am returning the warrant without service to the court.

Date of Arrest	Signature of Person Making Service	Title of Person Making Service	Department If different
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE ESSEX DISTRICT  
SALEM NEWBURYPORT LAWRENCE

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March 1, 2005

Michael J. Sullivan  
U.S. Attorney  
U.S. Courthouse  
Suite 9200  
1 Courthouse Way  
Boston MA 02210

Dear U.S. Attorney Sullivan:

This letter is to confirm that the Essex County District Attorney's Office will extradite Joel Vega (AKA Nikko) from any jurisdiction within the continental United States.

Sincerely,

John Dawley  
First Assistant District Attorney

EXHIBIT B

**Criminal Case Cover Sheet****U.S. District Court - District of Massachusetts**Place of Offense: Lawrence Category No. I Investigating Agency U.S. MARSHALCity Lawrence**Related Case Information:**County EssexSuperseding Ind./ Inf. \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Same Defendant \_\_\_\_\_ New Defendant \_\_\_\_\_  
Magistrate Judge Case Number 05M-1065-JGD  
Search Warrant Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
R 20/R 40 from District of \_\_\_\_\_**Defendant Information:**Defendant Name JOEL VEGA Juvenile  Yes  No

Alias Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date (Year only): 1978 SSN (last 4 #): 7891 Sex M Race: White Nationality: Hispanic

Defense Counsel if known: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Attorney Information:**AUSA Carmen M. Ortiz Bar Number if applicable 380390Interpreter:  Yes  No List language and/or dialect: \_\_\_\_\_Matter to be SEALED:  Yes  No Warrant Requested Regular Process In Custody**Location Status:**

Arrest Date: \_\_\_\_\_

 Already in Federal Custody as \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. Already in State Custody \_\_\_\_\_  Serving Sentence  Awaiting Trial On Pretrial Release: Ordered by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_Charging Document:  Complaint  Information  IndictmentTotal # of Counts:  Petty \_\_\_\_\_  Misdemeanor \_\_\_\_\_  Felony \_\_\_\_\_

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 I hereby certify that the case numbers of any prior proceedings before a Magistrate Judge are accurately set forth above.Date: 3/8/05 Signature of AUSA: Carmen M. Ortiz

District Court Case Number (To be filled in by deputy clerk): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Defendant JOEL VEGA**U.S.C. Citations**

	<u>Index Key/Code</u>	<u>Description of Offense Charged</u>	<u>Count Numbers</u>
Set 1	<u>18 U.S.C. § 1073</u>	<u>Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution</u>	<u>1</u>
Set 2	_____	_____	_____
Set 3	_____	_____	_____
Set 4	_____	_____	_____
Set 5	_____	_____	_____
Set 6	_____	_____	_____
Set 7	_____	_____	_____
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Set 12	_____	_____	_____
Set 13	_____	_____	_____
Set 14	_____	_____	_____
Set 15	_____	_____	_____

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**